## 2<sup>nd</sup> QUARTER 2010 KOMU-TV COLUMBIA, MISSOURI

THERE FOLLOWS A LISTING OF SOME OF THE SIGNIFICANT ISSUES RESPONDED TO BY STATION KOMU-TV THROUGH ITS NEWS PROGRAMMING FOR THE PERIOD MARCH 1<sup>st,</sup> 2010 TO JUNE 30<sup>th</sup>, 2010. THE LISTING IS BY NO MEANS EXHAUSTIVE, BUT INSTEAD SHOWS THE DEPTH AND BREADTH OF COVERAGE. THE ORDER IN WHICH THE ISSUES APPEAR DOES NOT REFLECT ANY PRIORITY OR SIGNIFICANCE.

2<sup>nd</sup> QUARTER ISSUES: CONSUMER ISSUES, CRIME, DRUG/ALCOHOL ABUSE, GOVERNMENT, HEALTH, EDUCATION, JOBS/ECONOMY

DESCRIPTION OF	PROGRAM/	DAT	TIME	DURATION	NARRATION OF TYPE AND DESCRIPTION OF
ISSUE	SEGMENT	E			PROGRAM/SEGMENT
CRIME	KOMU 8 News at 10PM	3/1	10PM	1:57	IT FOCUSED ON AN ACT THAT OFFENDED MANY AS IT REFERRED TO THE FORCED LABOR OF BLACKS ON COTTON PLANTATIONS.  NEARLY TWENTY PEOPLE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK AT TONIGHT'S FORUM, AND WHILE MANY OF THEM HAD DIFFERENT THOUGHTS ON HOW TO MOVE FORWARD, ONE MESSAGE WAS CLEAR: PEOPLE WANT UNITY.  NEARLY 300 PEOPLE ATTENDED TONIGHT'S MEETING. CHANCELLOR BRADY DEATON TOLD ME AFTERWARDS MU WILL CONTINUE TO DO EVERYTHING IT CAN TO MAKE THE CAMPUS AS DIVERSE AS POSSIBLE. EVERYONE AGREES THIS ACT WAS COMPLETELY UNFORTUNATE. BUT AS A FEW PEOPLE TOLD ME TONIGHT, THERE MAY BE SOME GOOD THAT COULD COME OUT OF SUCH A BAD SITUATION.
GOVERNMENT	KOMU 8 NEWS AT 10PM	3/2	1:17	0:35	THE COLUMBIA CITY COUNCIL UNANIMOUSLY AGREED LAST NIGHT TO ASK MO-DOT TO LOWER THE SPEED LIMIT ON THE COLUMBIA STRETCH OF U-S HIGHWAY 63.  THE STATE HAS THE POWER TO REDUCE SPEED

					LIMITS.  STATEWIDE TRAFFIC FATALITIES HAVE STEADILY DROPPED EVERY YEAR SINCE 2004 EVEN WITH THE CURRENT 70 MILE AN HOUR ZONES ALL OVER THE STATE.  DESPITE EVIDENCE SUGGESTING THE SPEED LIMITS ARE SAFE, MODOT IS WILLING TO TRIM THE LIMIT.  MYERS LATER SAID IF THE COUNCIL MAKES THE CHANGE, THE 65-MILE-PER-HOUR SPEED LIMIT SIGNS WOULD GO UP BY MID-APRIL.
HEALTH	KOMU NEWS AT 10	3/3	10:04	0:55	COFFEE'S A TREAT FOR SOME AND A SAVIOR FOR OTHERS.  AND NOW IT CAN BE HEALTHY FOR EVERYONE. THE AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION ANNOUNCED DRINKING COFFEE CAN LEAD TO A LOWER RISK OF DIABETES FOR WOMEN AND A LOWER RISK OF ABNORMAL HEART RHYTHMS FOR ALL. DOCTOR CHARLIE TILLMAN PREACHES MODERATION. THE STUDY'S MAKING SOME PEOPLE THINK ABOUT THEIR DRINKING. "SO FOR THE AVERAGE JOE DON'T WORRY ABOUT YOUR CUP OF JOE. IT COULD HELP WITH THE DAILY GRIND.
DRUG ABUSE	KOMU NEWS AT 6PM	3/4	6:07	0:35	SMOKERS OF THE CONTROVERSIAL SUBSTANCE K-2 MAY SOON HAVE TO KICK THE HABITOR FACE FELONY CHARGES. A BILL BANNING THE USE OF K2 HAS MADE ITS WAY FROM THE SENATE COMITTEE ONTO THE CHAMBER FLOOR FOR A VOTE. THE BILL WOULD MAKE THE CHEMICAL

					COMPOUND USED IN K-2 A SCHEDULE ONE CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE. THAT MEANS THERE'S A HIGH POTENTIAL FOR ABUSE AND IT'S NOT ACCEPTED IN MEDICAL TREATMENT. IT ALSO MEANS THE DRUG COMES WITH HEALTH RISKS. IF THE BILL PASSES IT WOULD BE IN THE SAME CATEGORY AS MARIJUANA, HEROINE, AND METH, AMONG OTHER ILLEGAL SUBSTANCES
ECONOMY	KOMU 8 NEWS AT 10	3/5	10:07	0:45	THE U-S EDUCATION DEPARTMENT TOLD MISSOURI IT WOULD NOT GET ANY MONEY FROM THE FEDERAL "RACE TO THE TOP" PROGRAM. MORE THAN FORTY STATES COMPETED FOR 4-POINT-3 BILLION DOLLARS IN "RACE TO THE TOP" MONEY. BUT MONEY ONLY GOES TO THE STATES WITH THE BEST IDEAS TO IMPROVE SCHOOLS. MISSOURI MAY BE DOWN BUT IT'S NOT OUT. THE STATE CAN APPLY AGAIN IN A FEW MONTHS FOR A NEW ROUND OF FUNDING MISSOURI'S PROPOSAL, WHICH IT SUBMITTED LAST JANUARY, BUDGETED 743-MILLION FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL UPGRADES.
ECONOMY	KOMU NEWS AT 6PM	3/6	6:16	:30	GOVERNOR JAY NIXON SAYS ABOUT 500-MILLION DOLLARS WILL NEED TO BE CUT FROM HIS MISSOURI BUDGET PROPOSAL FOR NEXT YEAR. NIXON HAS BEEN MEETING WITH STATE LEGISLATORS TO WARN THEM ABOUT THE BUDGET SHORTFALL. THE GAP IS DUE PARTLY TO LOWER THAN EXPECTED STATE TAX REVENUES, BUT ALSO TO UNCERTAINTY OVER FEDERAL FUNDING FOR MISSOURI. TODAY NIXON SAID THE STATE MIGHT BE ABLE TO SAVE SOME MONEY BY CONSOLIDATING BUILDINGS,

					VEHICLES, AGENCIES, AND PRIVATIZING THE COLLECTION OF CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENTS.
CRIME	KOMU NEWS AT 10	3/7	10:11	:24	LEGAL EXPERTS SAY IT'S AN UPHILL BATTLE IN CASE AGAINST SEVERAL MEMBERS OF A WESTERN MISSOURI FAMILY.
					ONE OF THE CLAIMS AGAINST THE MOHOLER FAMILY IS ONE OF THE SUSPECTS FORCING THE YOUNG VICTIMS TO KILL A MAN.  BUT INVESTIGATORS HAVE YET TO PRODUCE A HOMICIDE VICTIM.  AUTHORITIES HAVE REFUSED TO COMMENT BASED ON THEIR EVIDENCE  NO MURDER CHARGES HAVE BEEN FILED AND INVESTIGATORS WON'T EVEN SAY IF ANOTHER INVESTIGATION IS UNDERWAY.
DRUG ABUSE	KOMU NEWS AT 6PM	3/8	6:14	:23	PHARMACEUTICAL COMPANIES ARE PAYING THE STATE TO DEVELOP A WEBSITE TO TRACK PURCHASES OF COLD MEDICINE USED IN MAKING METH. THE DATABASE WOULD AUTOMATICALLY DENY THOSE TRYING TO BUY MORE THAN THE STATE'S LIMIT. LAWMAKERS HAVE CONSIDERED MAKING MEDICATIONS CONTAINING PSEUDOPHEDRINE AVAILABLE ONLY BY PRESCRIPTION. MISSOURI LED THE NATION LAST YEAR IN METH- LAB BUSTS.
ECONOMY/ JOBS	KOMU NEWS AT 10PM	3/9	10:04	1:00	JIM, THAT'S RIGHT SPECIFICALLY, THE STEPS WILL HELP THE RECENTLY UNEMPLOYED. THOUSANDS OF MISSOURIANS WILL GET TAX FILING ASSISTANCE AT PREPARATION PLACES LIKE THIS. THE I-R-S IS GIVING ITS AGENTS MORE FLEXIBILITY, TO HELP TAXPAYERS WHO'VE SEEN THEIR INCOMES DROP.

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GOVERNMENT	KOMU 8 NEWS AT 10PM	3/10	10:07	:35	THE FORUM TOOK PLACE ON THE M-U CAMPUS AND THOUGH ANYONE COULD COME, CANDIDATES AND QUESTIONERS FOCUSED ON STUDENTS. EVERYONE WHO ATTENDED HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO SUBMIT QUESTIONS, AND CANDIDATES ANSWERED THOSE SELECTED AT RANDOM. MANY STUDENT QUESTIONS COVERED TOPICS SUCH AS UTILITY BILLS, PUBLIC EDUCATION, AND UNDERAGE DRINKING. THE CANDIDATES APPEARED QUITE INVOLVED IN THE STUDENTS' CONCERNS. THE FORUM CONCLUDED WITH A LIGHTNING ROUND WHERE STUDENTS WERE ABLE TO ASK QUESTIONS TO CANDIDATES DIRECTLY. FIVE OUT OF THE SIX CANDIDATES ATTENDED. SAL NUCCIO DID NOT PARTICIPATE.
EDUCATION	KOMU 8 NEWS AT 6PM	3/11	6:11	1:28	THE CLOSING OF SEVERAL SCHOOLS IN THE KANSAS CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT IS RAISING QUESTIONS A LITTLE CLOSER TO HOME. A FULTON THIRD-GRADE CLASS IS WRITING PARAGRAPHS ABOUT CAUSE AND EFFECT.

ALCOHOL ABUSE K	KOMU 8 NEWS AT 10PM	3/12	10:04	:27	MANY ARE LEFT WONDERING ABOUT THE CAUSES AND EFFECTS AFTER THE KANSAS CITY SCHOOL BOARD, JUST YESTERDAY, DECIDED TO SHUT DOWN 29 OF ITS 61 SCHOOLS.  LIKE KANSAS CITY, THE ECONOMY AND DECREASING ENROLLMENT HAVE EFFECTED FULTON SCHOOLS.  BUT FULTON SCHOOLS ARE NOT CLOSING.  IN TERMS OF ENROLLMENT SINCE 2004 FULTON HAS SEEN A DECREASE OF 123 STUDENTS, WHILE THE MUCH LARGER KANSAS CITY DISTRICT SAW A DECREASE OF 2,833.  A LARGER MID-MISSOURI DISTRICT, JEFFERSON CITY, GAINED 69 STUDENTS, WHILE ANOTHER LARGER DISTRICT, COLUMBIA, GAINED 358.  MID-MISSOURI SCHOOLS FEELING THE CAUSES AND HOPING TO AVOID THE EFFECTS. FULTON SCHOOLS SAY ABNORMALLY LOW BIRTH RATES ABOUT 12 YEARS AGO CAUSED THE CURRENT ENROLLMENT DECLINE.  JIM & KEVIN: THE COLUMBIA POLICE DEPARTMENT HAS FOUR ADDITIONAL POLICE OFFICERS ON SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT TO PUT THE BRAKES ON DRUNK DRIVING.  THEY'LL BE ON THE LOOKOUT STARTING AT 11 TONIGHT. THE COLUMBIA POLICE DEPARTMENT ALREADY HAS TWO OFFICERS ON D-W-I PATROL.  AND WHILE FOUR MAY SEEM A SMALL NUMBER, ONE OF THE OFFICERS OUT TONIGHT TOLD ME, THEY'LL ALL BE CONCENTRATING ON ONE THING: STOPPING IMPAIRED DRIVERS.  OFFICER BRIAN TATE SAID THIS WEEKEND IS THE KICK-OFF TO A BUSY SEASON ON THE ROADS.
CONSUMER ISSUES K	OMU 8 NEWS	3/13	10:12	1:20	A COLUMBIA NOT -FOR-PROFIT HAS SOME <i>NOT-SO-</i>

					STATE AUDIT. A NEGATIVE STATE REVIEW COULD RESULT IN THE LOSS OF STATE FUNDING FOR THE BOONE COUNTY COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP. THE ORGANIZATION STARTED 15 YEARS AGO AND PROVIDES ASSISTANCE FOR LOW INCOME FAMILIES. THE AUDIT REVEALED WHAT THE STATE CALLS UNNECESSARY TRIPS TO BOSTON AND CHICAGO TOTALING MORE THAN SIX THOUSAND DOLLARS. THAT WAS ONLY THE BEGINNING AS STATE AUDITORS NOTED THE PARTNERSHIP SPENT CLOSE TO 16-THOUSAND DOLLARS ON COPIERS OVER 18-MONTHSAND 27-THOUSAND DOLLARS ON INTERNET SERVICES OVER 18-MONTHS.
HEALTH	KOMU 8 NEWS AT 10	3/14	10:12	1:35	THE RISING RATE OF OBESITY IS CAUSING BOTH THE STATE AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENTS TO TAKE ACTION. THE OBAMA ADMINISTRATION RECENTLY ANNOUNCED THE CREATION OF A TASK FORCE ON CHILD OBESITY MISSOURIANS RANK 13TH IN THE NATION WHEN IT COMES TO OBESITY.  SEVENTY PERCENT OF MISSOURI MEN ARE OVERWEIGHT OR OBESE, WHILE 57 PERCENT OF MISSOURI WOMEN AND 30 PERCENT OF HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ARE.  AN AREA EXERCISE SPECIALIST SAYS TODAY'S SOCIETY CONTRIBUTES TO THE TREND.  THE GROWING OBESITY EPIDEMIC HAS ONE MISSOURI LAWMAKER DETERMINED TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE.  BROWN HAS A BILL THAT WOULD CREATE A COMMISSION ON PREVENTION AND MANAGEMENT OF OBESITY.  THE GROUP WOULD LIST PROGRAMS AVAILABLE TO ADDRESS THE NEEDS OF OVERWEIGHT ADULTS AND CHILDREN, AS WELL AS COLLECT DATA ABOUT THE

					EXTENT OF OBESITY IN THE STATE. THE COMMISSION WOULD MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO COMBAT OBESITY.
CONSUMER ISSUES	KOMU 8 NEWS AT 10	3/15	10:06	1:04	THAT'S RIGHT AND THE IDEA OF BRINGING THE LATEST HIGH SPEED INTERNET SERVICE ALREADY HAS AT LEAST 55-HUNDRED FANS JUST CHECK OUT THE FACEBOOK FAN PAGE FOR "GOOGLE FIBER FOR COLUMBIA."  TONIGHT THEY GOT A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FROM CITY COUNCIL.  THE FANS BEHIND THIS FACEBOOK PAGE ARE SOME OF THE SAME PEOPLE WHO TOOK PART IN THE FLASH MOB AT THE KANSAS-MISSOURI BASKETBALL GAME A COUPLE OF WEEKS AGO.  SO WHAT'S SO SPECIAL ABOUT THIS INTERNET SERVICE?  PRODUCER CLICK THE FACEBOOK FAN PAGE SAYS QUOTE: IT'S ABSURDLY, RIDICULOUSLY, INSANELY FAST.  TO BE MORE SPECFIC, GOOGLE FIBER PROMISES
					TO MAKE THE INTERNET 100 TIMES FASTER.  THAT COULD MEAN JOBS AND DEVELOPMENT MONEY FOR COLUMBIA.
ECONOMY	KOMU 8 NEWS AT 10PM	3/16	10:08	:31	WHAT WOULD JEFFERSON CITY DO WITH MORE THAN 5 MILLION DOLLARS? FROM REPAVING PARKING TO REPLACING PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT, THE CITY'S PARK RESOURCES AND PLANNING COMMITTEE PONDERED THAT QUESTION THIS AFTERNOON. PARKS DIRECTOR BILL LOCKWOOD PRESENTED A HOST OF PROJECTS HIS DEPARTMENT WOULD PURSUE THE NEXT FIVE YEARS IF VOTERS EXTEND THE CURRENT CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT SALES TAX.

					TOP PRIORITY: A RECREATION CENTER.
EDUCATION/DRUG ABUSE	KOMU 8 NEWS AT 10	3/17	10:12	:23	A SCHOOL AT THE LAKE IS CONSIDERING A STUDENT DRUG TESTING POLICY. SCHOOL OF THE OSAGE STARTED TALKING ABOUT IT AFTER THE MISSOURI SCHOOL BOARD ASSOCIATION ASKED DISTRICTS TO REVIEW THEIR POLICIES.  THE HIGH SCHOOL WILL LOOK AT DRUG TESTING PROGRAMS TO SEE WHAT WOULD WORK BEST FOR THEIR STUDENTS. SCHOOL OF THE OSAGE PRINCIPAL MICHAEL WILLIAMS SAYS HE EXPECTS THE BOARD TO REACH A DECISION IN THE NEXT TWO MONTHS.
EDUCATION	KOMU NEWS AT 10PM	3/18	10:15	:37	THE *CURRENT* SCHOOL BOARD DISCUSSED THE POSSIBILITY OF A PAPERLESS PILOT PROGRAM THIS MORNING.  THEY HOPE TO SAVE \$3000 A YEAR BY SWITCHING TO LAPTOPS.  IT WOULD POSE NO EXTRA COSTS BECAUSE THE BOARD WOULD USE SOFTWARE THE DISTRICT ALREADY OWNS AND USE DISTRICT LAPTOPS DURING MEETING TIMES.  THE BOARD WILL DISCUSS THE PROPOSAL AND A PILOT PROGRAM IN GREATER DETAIL AT A FUTURE MEETING.

GOVERNMENT	KOMU NEWS AT 5PM	3/19	5:06	:40	THE MISSOURI SENATE WILL SPEND TUESDAY SORTING THROUGH SUGGESTIONS FROM MISSOURIANS ON WAYS TO IMPROVE THE STATE GOVERNMENT. TWO WEEKS AGO SENATE MAJORITY LEADER CHARLIE SHIELDS ANNOUNCED THE "REBOOTING GOVERNMENT" WEBSITE. MORE THAN A THOUSAND MISSOURIANS HAVE SUBMITTED IDEAS RANGING FROM THINGS LIKE INCREASING TAXES TO HAVING A 4-DAY GOVERNMENT WORK WEEK. SENATE MAJORITY CAUCUS SPOKESPERSON SAYS LAWMAKERS WILL CONSIDER EVERY IDEA.
CRIME	KOMU NEWS AT 10PM	3/20	10:12	:26	BURRELL MOHLER SENIOR WON'T GO TO COURT UNTIL NEXT YEAR.  OFFICIALS ACCUSED HIM AND FIVE FAMILY MEMBERS OF MOLESTING YOUNG RELATIVES TWO DECADES AGO.  MOHLER GOT A CHANGE OF VENUE TO CLAY COUNTY AND A CLAY COUNTY JUDGE SET HIS TRIAL FOR FEBRUARY 22.  HIS BROTHER DARRELL MOHLER IS SET TO GO ON TRIAL IN SEPTEMBERALSO IN CLAY COUNTY.  THE PROSECUTOR CHARGED THE TWO, ALONG WITH BURRELL MOHLER SENIOR'S FOUR SONS, WITH RAPING YOUNG RELATIVES FOR MORE THAN A DECADE.

HEALTH	KOMU NEWS	3/21	10:16	2:57	DNA IN THE HUMAN BODY IS WRITTEN WITH A FOUR-
	AT 10PM				LETTER ALPHABET: A,G, T and C.
					FOUR LETTERS DOESN'T SEEM LIKE MUCH, BUT
					WHEN THAT ALPHABET IS REPRODUCED 3 BILLION
					TIMES, THERE CAN BE SOME SERIOUS ERRORS.
					IN THIS YOUR HEALTH REPORT, WE LEARN
					ABOUT A LITTLE GIRL WHO HAD SOME MISSPELLINGS
					OF HER OWN
					AND WHAT HER HOSPITAL IS DOING TO FIX THOSE
					ERRORS FOR ALL CHILDREN.
					KATELYN PARKS MAY NOT BE A MUSICAL
					ROCKSTAR, BUT SHE'S A ROCKSTAR IN HER OWN RIGHT.
					SHE'S OVERCOME SOMETHING MOST EIGHT
					YEAR OLDS CAN'T EVEN IMAGINE.
					WHEN SHE WAS 14 MONTHS OLD, DOCTORS
					DIAGNOSED KATELYN WITH OLIGODENDROGLIOMA A
					RARE, SLOW-GROWING TUMOR THAT BEGINS IN THE
					CELLS THAT COVER AND PROTECT THE BRAIN AND
					SPINAL CORD.
					HER MOTHER TOOK HER TO ST. JUDE CHILDREN'S
					RESEARCH HOSPITAL IN MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE.
					AFTER A SUCCESSFUL SURGERY IN OCTOBER
					2003, KATELYN NOW RIDES THROUGH LIFE LIKE A
					NORMAL 8 YEAR OLD
					NOW THE VERY HOSPITAL THAT SAVED
					KATELYN'S LIFE IS TEAMING UP WITH WASHINGTON
					UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL IN ST. LOUIS TO HELP STOP
					PEDIATRIC CANCER FOR GOOD.
					THIS PROJECT PROMISES PROGRESS
					FOR THE FUTURE OF PEDIATRIC CANCER ALLOWING
					MORE CHILDREN LIKE KATELYN TO LIVE HAPPY, FULL
					LIVES.
					THE PEDIATRIC CANCER GENOME PROJECT IS
					THE LARGEST PEDIATRIC CANCER SEQUENCING STUDY
					EVER CONDUCTED AND IS SLATED TO TAKE PLACE FOR
					THE NEXT THREE YEARS.

GOVERNMENT	KOMU NEWS AT 10PM	3/22	10:04	:50	THE 5 MAYORAL CANDIDATES FOR THE CITY OF COLUMBIA SPENT THE EVENING INSIDE GANNETT HALL AT THE MU JOURNALISM SCHOOL.  THE CANDIDATES TOOK PART IN A DEBATE HELD BY THE COLUMBIA MISSOURIAN.  BUT, THE DEBATE WAS UNLIKE MOST OTHERS BECAUSE THE CANDIDATES ANSWERED 8 QUESTIONS SUBMITTED BY THE PAPERS READERS.  KFRU'S DAVID LILE MODERATED THE DEBATE AND READ THE QUESTIONS, WHICH THE CANDIDATES HAD NOT SEEN.  THE TOPICS RANGED FROM ANNEXATION OF LAND, POVERTY, SOCIAL SERVICES FUNDING AND CRIME PREVENTION.
CONSUMER ISSUE	KOMU NEWS AT 6PM	3/23	5:03	:27	STATE LAWMAKERS ARE HOPING MISSOURI CAR DEALERSHIPS PLAY A MORE FAIR GAME IN THE FUTURE MISSOURI HOUSE MEMBERS GAVE FIRST-ROUND APPROVAL TO A BILL THEY HOPE HELPS LEVEL THE PLAYING FIELD BETWEEN AUTOMAKERS AND THEIR DEALERS.  ONE LOCAL CAR DEALER SAYS ONE OF THE MAIN GOALS OF THE BILL IS TO KEEP MORE CAR DEALERSHIPS OPEN DURING A ROUGH ECONOMY AND IMPROVE THE STATE'S ECONOMY AS A WHOLE.  THE BILL NEEDS TO GO THROUGH ONE MORE ROUND OF VOTING IN THE HOUSE BEFORE MOVING ON TO THE SENATE.

EDUCATION	KOMU 8 NEWS	3/24	10:16	:42	A SPOKESMAN FOR GOVERNOR NIXON SAID TODAY THE
	AT 10PM				GOVERNOR MAY CUT THE ACCESS MISSOURI
					SCHOLARSHIP FOR ALL STUDENTS ATTENDING PRIVATE
					COLLEGES IN THE STATE.
					THE PROGRAM IS CALLED ACCESS MISSOURI.
					AND THE LEGISLATURE IS CONSIDERING
					SHIFTING THE AMOUNT STUDENTS GET TO MAKE
					PUBLIC AND PRIVATE THE SAME.
					THAT WOULD REDUCE WHAT PRIVATE SCHOOL
					STUDENTS GET, AND RAISE PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS.
					BUT NIXON'S PROPOSAL WOULD ELIMINATE
					PRIVATE SCHOOL STUDENTS FROM THE PLAN
					ALTOGETHER.
					SCOTT HOLSTE, SPOKESPERSON FOR THE GOVERNOR,
					SAID VIA E-MAIL THE GOVERNOR WANTS TO "TAKE A
					CLOSE LOOK AT WHETHER TAXPAYERS CAN CONTINUE
					TO SUBSIDIZE THE CHOICE OF A PRIVATE COLLEGE."
CONSUMER ISSUE	KOMU 8	3/25	10:10	:55	IT WAS A CHANCE FOR TWITTER USERS IN COLUMBIA
	NEWS AT				TO MEET-UP OR TWEET UP IN PERSON, WHILE ALSO
	10PM				RAISING MONEY FOR A CAUSE.
					IT'S AN EXAMPLE OF 'SOCIAL MEDIA FOR SOCIAL
					GOOD.
					THIS WEEK, CITIES ACROSS THE WORLD HAVE HELD
					TWESTIVALS, AND ALL ARE RAISING MONEY FOR
					CONCERN WORLDWIDE.
					CONCERN WORLDWIDE IS AN INTERNATIONAL
					HUMANITARIAN ORGANIZATION WORKING TO END EXTREME POVERTY AND SPREAD EDUCATION.
					SO FAR, CITIES ACROSS THE WORLD HAVE
					RAISED 293 THOUSAND DOLLARS THROUGH FUND-
					RAISERS TO HELP CONCERN WORLDWIDE.
					COLUMBIA TWESTIVAL ORGANIZERS PLANNED
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					SEVERAL WAYS TO RAISE MONEY
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GOVERNMENT	KOMU 8 NEWS AT 5PM	3/26	5:08	:57	LAURENKEEP COLUMBIA FREE SAYS THERE IS NO EVIDENCE SURVEILLANCE CAMERAS MAKE COLUMBIA SAFER.  ANOTHER REASON THE GROUP IS OPPOSED TO THE CAMERAS IS BECAUSE OF MISSOURI'S SUNSHINE LAWWHICH MAKES ALL GOVERNMENT RECORDS AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC UPON REQUEST.  IF THE CITY PUTS UP SURVEILLANCE CAMERAS, ANYONE WHO WANTS A COPY OF THE VIDEO TAPE WILL BE ABLE TO REQUEST IT.  ACCORDING TO ONE DEMONSTRATOR, THE CAMERAS ARE UN-AMERICAN.  MULTIPLE OTHER COLUMBIA GROUPS HAVE SPOKEN OUT IN FAVOR OF PROPOSITION ONE.  YESTERDAY, THE DOWNTOWN SAFETY SUMMIT RECOMMENDED INSTALLING PUBLIC OR PRIVATE SECURITY CAMERAS IN AREAS OF HIGH CRIME.
CONSUMER ISSUE	KOMU 8 NEWS AT 10	3/27	10:14	:35	BUILDINGS ACROSS MID-MISSOURI WILL POWER DOWN TONIGHT FOR EARTH HOUR.  IT'S A YEARLY EVENT WHERE PEOPLE TURN OFF THEIR LIGHTS FOR AN HOUR AT 8:30 P-M THEIR LOCAL TIME.  IT STARTED IN 2007 AS A WAY FOR PEOPLE TO BRING ATTENTION TO GLOBAL WARMING AND THE NEED FOR CLEANER ENERGY.  THIS IS MISSOURI'S FIRST YEAR AS AN OFFICIAL EARTH HOUR STATE.  THE CAPITOL BUILDING IN JEFFERSON CITY WILL GO DARK, AS WELL AS BUSCH STADIUM AND THE ARCH IN ST. LOUIS

CRIME	KOMU 8 NEWS AT 10PM	3/28	10:02	1:32	IT ALL HAPPENED IN SEDALIA. POLICE SAY 30-YEAR-OLD MICHAEL "MIKE MIKE" SMITH DIED AROUND 4-30 SUNDAY MORNING. A GUNMAN SHOT HIM IN HIS HOME ON 11TH STREET. POLICE SAY WHEN THEY ARRIVED, SMITH'S FRIENDS WERE PERFORMING C-P-R. THE PARAMEDICS TOOK SMITH TO THE HOSPITAL DOCTORS DECLARED HIM DEAD ABOUT A HALF HOUR LATER. THE SEDALIA POLICE DEPARTMENT HASN'T NAMED ANY SUSPECTS OR MADE ANY ARRESTS. I TALKED TO DOZENS OF PEOPLE IN SMITH'S NEIGHBORHOOD TODAYALL SHAKEN UP BY THE OVERNIGHT SHOOTING. ONE WOMAN SAYS SHE CAN'T BELIEVE SOMEONE WOULD WANT TO KILL SMITH. SHE SAYS HE LEFT BEHIND A GIRLFRIEND, TWO CHILDREN, AND THE CHANCE TO EARN AN UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE FROM STATE FAIR COMMUNITY COLLEGE I ALSO RAN ACROSS ONE OF SMITHS HIGH SCHOOL FRIENDS WHO TALKED WITH HIM LAST NIGHT. HE SAYS SMITH SEEMED FINE AND WAS IN A GOOD MOOD.

					MOST OF THE NEIGHBORS DIDN'T EVEN HEAR THE SHOTS RING OUT IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT. THEY WERE SHOCKED THE SHOOTING HAPPENED SO CLOSE TO HOME. BUT A NEIGHBOR WHO LIVES ON SOUTH BARRETT AND 12TH STREET SAYS THE NEIGHBORHOOD HAS REALLY STARTED TO CHANGE.
JOBS	KOMU8 NEWS AT 5	3/29	10:05	:45	HIGH DEMAND, LOW SUPPLY.  A BOONE COUNTY EDUCATIONAL TASK FORCE WANTS TO CLOSE THE UNEMPLOYMENT GAP TODAY, THE TASK FORCE ANNOUNCED IT NOW HAS MONEY TO MAKE THAT HAPPEN. A FEDERAL GRANT WILL GO TOWARD EDUCATIONAL TECHNICAL TRAINING PROGRAMS. IT WILL ALSO HELP THE TASK FORCE COLLECT DATA ABOUT CURRENT TRAINING PROGRAMS SO IT CAN FIGURE OUT HOW TO IMPROVE THEM. BOONE COUNTY COMMISSIONER, KEN PEARSON, SAYS THIS COULD HELP GRADUATING SENIORS. THE TASK FORCE SAYS THIS GRANT WILL PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE UNEMPLOYED.

CRIME	KOMU 8 NEWS AT 6PM	3/30	10:07	:55	SOMEONE SHOT AND KILLED MICHAEL "MIKE MIKE" SMITH EARLY SUNDAY MORNING IN HIS KITCHEN ON 11TH STREET. BUT TWO DAYS LATER, THERE'S NO SUSPECT IN THE HOMICIDE. TODAY I DID SOME RESEARCH, AND FOUND OUT SMITH HAD A HISTORY OF VIOLENT BEHAVIOR. POLICE ARRESTED HIM IN 2005 FOR SECOND DEGREE ASSAULT. HE WENT TO JAIL TWO YEARS LATER. TO FIND HIS KILLER, SEDALIA POLICE ARE GETTING SOME HELP. THE MID MISSOURI MAJOR CASE SQUAD ACTIVATED TODAY INVESTIGATORS FROM 14 MID- MISSOURI COUNTIES AND THE STATE HIGHWAY PATROL WILL HELP UNTIL AT LEAST THURSDAY. THIS WAS THE SECOND TIME SOMEONE FIRED A GUN AT SMITH. THE FIRST SHOOTING WAS TWO WEEKS AGO AND SOMEONE FIRED AT SMITH'S CAR IN THE MIDDLE OF THE DAY.
EDUCATION	KOMU 8 NEWS AT	3/31	10:03	4:00	THE STUDENTS WILL MOVE BACK TO FULTON HIGH SCHOOL INTO REGULAR CLASSROOMS WITH THE OPTION OF EXTRA COUNSELING. THIS IS THE SAME ROADMAP THE DISTRICT USED LAST YEAR WHEN IT CLOSED THE ALTERNATIVE MIDDLE SCHOOL. FOR ONE TEEN MOM, THE OPTION FOR DAYCARE ISN'T ENOUGH. SHEENA SERINI, A 16 YEAR OLD FRESHMAN, SAYS SHE FACED CHALLENGES AT FULTON HIGH BECAUSE SHE'S A TEEN MOM AND A LESBIAN. FOR SYDNEY LAIR, A FRESHMAN WITH

					ASPERGER'S, THE ALTERNATIVE PROGRAM WAS A NEW BEGINNING FOR HER.  SMALLER CLASSES WORK BETTER FOR SYDNEY. THE SCHOOL DISTRICT FEELS THE SAME  APPREHENSION AND FRUSTRATION.  ASIDE FROM BUDGET CONCERNS, SUPERINTENDENT COWHERD SAYS THE DISTRICT ALSO RECEIVED QUESTIONS ABOUT THE CREDITS GIVEN TO ALTERNATIVE STUDENTS.  COWHERD SAYS THE DISTRICT DOES NOT BELIEVE IT WILL SEE AN INCREASE IN DROP OUT RATES WHEN THIS PROGRAM CLOSES.  OF THE 40 STUDENTS CURRENTLY ENROLLED IN THE PROGRAM, 13 SHOULD GRADUATE BY THE TIME THE PROGRAM IS FOLDED INTO THE HIGH SCHOOL.  ONE STUDENT WHO PLANS TO MAKE THE MOVE IS DENZEL WEAVER.  NOT ALL HAVE THE SAME PLAN.  BUT IT WILL.  THE REST IS UP TO THE STUDENTS.
GOVERNMENT	KOMU NEWS AT 6PM	4/1	6:03	:33	EVEN MCCASKILL SEEMED FRUSTRATED WHEN TOPICS RELATING TO STATE GOVERNMENT CAME UP. SHE HELPED BUSINESS OWNERS LEARN ABOUT HEALTH CARE AND HOW IT WILL AFFECT THEIR COMPANIES.  PARTICIPANTS ALSO EXPRESSED CONCERNS OVER NOT BEING ABLE TO EXPAND BUSINESS BECAUSE THEY COULDN'T GET LOANS.  MCCASKILL DIDN'T HAVE ALL OF THE ANSWERS THOUGH.  ONE MAN WHO DOES BUSINESS WITH SCHOOLS EXPRESSED SOME CONCERN OVER BUDGET CUTS.

CRIME	KOMU 8 NEWS AT 5	4/2	5:11	:35	AFTER MORE THAN 20 BURGLARIES ON CHRISTMAS EVE WHILE STUDENTS WERE AWAY ON THEIR WINTER BREAK, COLUMBIA POLICE HOPE THEIR PREPARATIONS FOR SPRING BREAK HAVE PAID OFF. POLICE GAVE TIPS TO APARTMENT MANAGERS AND PUT FLIERS ON DOORS WITH REMINDERS TO LOCK UP AND TAKE VALUABLES ALONG. SINCE THE START OF BREAK ON SATURDAY POLICE REPORT FIVE BURGLARIES AND SEVEN CAR BREAK-INS. OVER SPRING BREAK IN 2009, POLICE REPORT 16 BURGLAIRES AND 15 CAR BREAK-INS. THE NUMBER OF CRIMES THIS WEEK HAS BEEN ABOUT THE SAME AS ANY NON-VACATION WEEK. BUT POLICE SAY STUDENTS MAY NOT REPORT CRIME UNTIL THEY GET BACK TO TOWN TO DISCOVER IT
CRIME	KOMU 8 NEWS AT 10PM	4/3	10:02	:55	A JEFFERSON CITY POLICE OFFICER SHOT A MAN AFTER THE SUSPECT GRABBED HIS PARTNER'S GUN IN A VIOLENT STRUGGLE. AT AROUND 6:30 THIS MORNING, JEFFERSON CITY POLICE CAME TO A DOMESTIC DISPUTE AT 928 JEFFERSON STREET, JUST OVER A MILE FROM THE STATE CAPITOL BUILDING. POLICE ASKED A MAN WHO WAS FIGHTING WITH A FEMALE TO LEAVE. THE MAN REFUSED, AND BEGAN TO GET VIOLENT WITH THE OFFICERS. HE THEN GRABBED ONE OF THE OFFICERS GUNS. THE OFFICER'S PARTNER THEN SHOT THE MAN TWICE. OFFICIALS TOOK THE MAN BY HELICOPTER TO UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL FOR TREATMENT. POLICE ONLY IDENTIFIED THE MAN AS A 25 YEAR OLD JEFFERSON CITY RESIDENT, AND WILL NOT RELEASE HIS CURRENT MEDICAL STATUS.

					NEIGHBORS SAY SEVERAL MEN LIVE AT THE HOUSE, WITH RESIDENTS MOVING IN AND OUT FREQUENTLY.  BOTH THE OFFICERS AND THE FEMALE WERE NOT SERIOUSLY HURT.  AS PER DEPARTMENT RULES BOTH OFFICERS WILL BE PUT ON ADMINISTRATIVE LEAVE WITH PAY PENDING AN INVESTIGATION.
GOVERNMENT	KOMU 8 NEWS AT 10PM	4/4	10:08	:39	WHILE MANY CITIES ARE HAVING AN ELECTION DAY ON TUESDAY SOME FOCUS IS ALREADY ON THE NOVEMBER ELECTION.  THE DEADLINE TO FILE FOR THE PRIMARY STATE ELECTION WAS TUESDAY AND MORE POLITICAL CANDIDATES ARE CALLING THEMSELVES REPUBLICANS THIS YEAR.  IN STATE HOUSE RACES 211 REPUBLICANS FILED AND 171 DEMOCRATS FILED.  TERM LIMITS AND GENERAL FRUSTRATION WITH THE PATH OF GOVERNMENT ARE TWO REASONS GIVEN FOR THE HIGHER NUMBER OF REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES.  REPUBLICAN LEADERS SAY ITS LARGER NUMBER IS BACKLASH FROM THE 2008 ELECTION  DEMOCRATS SAY MULTIPLE REPUBLICAN RUNNING FOR THE SAME SEAT SHOWS A LACK OF TRUST IN THE PARTY.  INCUMBANT REPUBLICANS WILL FACE MORE PRIMARY CHALLENGES THAN INCUMBANT DEMOCRATS

EDUCATION	KOMU 8 NEWS AT 10PM	4/5	SUPERINTENDENT JACQUE COWHERD TOLD ME TODAY IT COMES DOWN TO FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT AND HE SAID THE IMPROVEMENTS THE DISTRICT IS SEEKING ARE NEEDED.  HE SAID IF THE BOND DOESN'T PASS THE DISTRICT WILL NEED TO TAKE MONEY OUT OF CLASSROOM FUNDING TO MAKE THE CHANGES  THE 7.3 MILLION DOLLAR BOND INCLUDES CHANGES IN MANY AREAS.  THE SCHOOL WANTS TO TAKE NEARLY HALF THE MONEY AND REPLACE ROOFS AND ITS HEATING AND AIR CONDITIONING SYSTEMS.  ADDITIONALLY THE DISTRICT HOPES TO IMPROVE STUDENT SAFETY BY ADDING CAMERAS IN ALL BUILDINGS AND ON MOST BUSES.  TECHNOLOGY CHANGES INCLUDE REPLACING OLD COMPUTERS.  AND FINALLY THE DISTRICT HOPES TO ADD CLASSROOMS, IMPROVE PARKING, AND UPGRADE RESTROOMS.  IN ADDITION THE DISTRICT HAS 500,000 DOLLARS EARMARKED FOR A NEW BASEBALL FIELD.

GOVERNMENT	KOMU 8 NEWS AT 10	4/6	10:01	1:24	THERE WAS A CROWDED FIELD OF CANDIDATES TO FILL COLUMBIA MAYOR DARWIN HINDMAN'S SEAT  LET'S GO STRAIGHT TO THE RESULTS WE HAVE IN THAT RACE SO FAR:  BOB MCDAVID IS the winner with 100 PERCENT OF PRECINCTS REPORTING.  JERRY WADE got SECOND PLACE, WITH SID SULLIVAN A DISTANT THIRD.  HERE'S A LOOK AT THE REST OF THE MAYORAL FIELD  AGAIN BOB MCDAVID HAS WON THE COLUMBIA MAYORAL RACE.  TAKE SMART DEC ANIMATION AND BOXES  OUR TEAM COVERAGE OF TONIGHT'S ELECTION BEGINS WITH KOMU 8'S KEVIN LEWIS LIVE FROM SHILOH IN DOWNTOWN COLUMBIA
ECONOMY	KOMU 8 NEWS AT 10	4/7	10: 10	:40	WITH THE SENATE MAKING CUTS TO THE 2011 BUDGET GOVERNOR NIXON STOPPED BY THE MU CAMPUS TO TRY AND EXPLAIN THE 500-MILLION-DOLLAR BUDGET GAP. THE GOVERNOR SPOKE TO MU STUDENTS, STAFF, AND BUSINESS LEADERS AT REYNOLDS ALUMNI CENTER. HE PRESENTED HIS PLAN FOR SPENDING CUTS INCLUDING SHRINKING STATE GOVERNMENT AND TRIMMING THE WORKFORCE HE ALSO DISCUSSED CHANGING THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF STATE ECONOMIC DEPARTMENTS.

EDUCATION	KOMU NEWS AT	4/8	10:05	: 23	COLUMBIA COLLEGE STUDENTS WROTE PERSONAL LETTERS TO GOVERNOR NIXON TODAY THE STUDENTS ARE AGAINST NIXON'S PROPOSAL TO CUT FUNDING FOR THE ACCESS MISSOURI SCHOLARSHIP. NIXON'S NEW PROPOSAL WOULD CHANGE THE MAXIMUM DOLLAR AMOUNT THAT GOES TO PUBLIC AND PRIVATE HIGHER EDUCATION STUDENTS. ACCESS MISSOURI FUNDING WOULD ACTUALLY INCREASE FOR PUBLIC STUDENTS BUT WOULD DECREASE FOR THOSE ATTENDING PRIVATE INSTITUTIONS.
HEALTH	KOMU 8 NEWS AT 10PM	4/9	10:03	:52	FOR MISSOURI FAMILIES AFFECTED BY AUTISM THE STRUGGLE IS DIFFICULT. THEY FOUND RELIEF TODAY WHEN MORE THAN 400 FAMILIES AND EXPERTS GATHERED IN COLUMBIA TO TALK ABOUT DIFFERENT WAYS TO HANDLE THE DISORDER.  SESSIONS COVERED CURRENT TRENDS IN THE DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT OF AUTISM.  FOR PARENTS, CONFERENCES LIKE THESE ARE A HUGE SUPPORT.
EDUCATION/GOVER NMENT	KOMU 8 NEWS AT 10PM	4/10	10:18	:24	MISSOURI SENATORS WANT PARENTS TO START PAYING TO KEEP THEIR KIDS IN AN EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM.  THE MOVE TO START CHARGING FOR THE PROGRAM COMES AFTER BUDGET WRITERS RECOMMENDED CUTTING MORE THAN HALF OF THE STATE'S FUNDING FOR PARENTS AS TEACHERS. SENATORS HAVE GIVEN PRELIMINARY APPROVAL TO LEGISLATION THAT WOULD GIVE PARENTS SIX FREE VISITS WITH A CHILD DEVELOPMENT SPECIALIST AT HOME.  AFTER THAT, PARENTS WOULD NEED TO COVER

					PART OF THE COST IF THE CHILD HAS NO DEVELOPMENTAL DELAYS.
CONSUMER ISSUES	KOMU 8 NEWS AT 10PM	4/11	10:12	:30	U.S. SENATOR CHARLES SCHUMER TODAY SAID HE'S GOING TO TRY TO GET THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO PROHIBIT AIRLINES FROM CHARGING A FEE FOR CARRY- ON BAGS.  SCHUMER WROTE TO THE TREASURY SECRETARY ASKING HIM TO END WHAT HE CALLS A 'LOOPHOLE' IN TAX LAW THAT ALLOWS AIRLINES TO CHARGE THE FEE.  THE MOVE COMES A WEEK AFTER SPIRIT AIRLINES ANNOUNCED IT WOULD CHARGE 45 DOLLARS PER CARRY-ON BAG - THOUGH IT ALSO REDUCED THE COST OF MOST TICKETS BY 40 DOLLARS.  SCHUMER CALLS THE FEE A "JACKED-UP" COST SHIFT  HE ALSO SAID HE WILL INTRODUCE LEGISLATION AGAINST IT IF TREASURY DOESN'T ACT.

EDUCATION	KOMU 8 NEWS AT 10PM	4/12	10:08	:21	THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION HAS A NEW MEMBER. GOVERNOR NIXON APPOINTED RUSSELL STILL TO THE BOARD TODAY. STILL IS AN ATTORNEY IN COLUMBIA AND MARRIED TO DEMOCRATIC HOUSE MEMBER MARY STILL. HE SERVED ON THE COLUMBIA BOARD OF EDUCATION FROM 1996 TO 2005. HE ALSO TAUGHT IN DETROIT FOR FOUR YEARS. THE SENATE WILL NEED TO CONFIRM HIS APPOINTMENT. HIS TERM WOULD LAST UNTIL 2017.
CONSUMER ISSUES	KOMU 8 NEWS AT 10PM	4/13	10:14	:37	A NEW ECO-FRIENDLY TECHNOLOGY PAVES PARKING LOTS WITH BROKEN GLASS. THE GLASS IS ROLLED TO SHAVE OFF SHARP EDGES, THEN MIXED, POURED AND SMOOTHED OUT TO REVEAL COLORFUL AND ECO-FRIENDLY PAVEMENT. IT'S CALLED FILTERPAVE AND IS MADE OF MORE THAN 95 PERCENT RECYCLED GLASSCONTAINING 90 GLASS BOTTLES IN ONE SQUARE FOOT. ONE COLUMBIA CONTRACTOR CHOSE THE PAVEMENT BECAUSE OF ITS HIGH ABSORBTION RATE. THE ECO-FRIENDLY PAVEMENT IS BEING TESTED BY VARIOUS HIGHWAY CONTRACTORS FOR USE ON MAJOR ROADWAYS. THERE IS CONCERN IF THE GLASS-PACKED ROAD SURFACE CAN SUSTAIN HEAVY DUTY TRUCKS.

JOBS	KOMU 8 NEWS AT 6	4/14	10:11	1:20	ELIZABETH CARTER LOVES COMING TO WORK. BUT NOT ONLY BECAUSE SHE LOVES PLANTING. SHE IS A C-M-S-E EMPLOYEE FOR THE GIVING GARDENS PROGRAM. THEY ARE PREPARING FOR THEIR FIRST DAY OF SALES. THE PROGRAM NOT ONLY GIVES THESE DISABLED PEOPLE JOBS. IT GIVES THEM HAPPINESS AND A SENSE OF ACCOMPLISHMENT. TOMORROW IS THE FIRST DAY GIVING GARDENS WILL SELL PLANTS. YOU CAN VISIT THE CENTRAL MISSOURI SUBCONTRACTING ENTERPRISES BUILDING ON SOUTH BEARFIELD ROAD
CONSUMER ISSUES	AT 6	4/15	6:19	:24	JEFFERSON CITY NOW HAS A THIRD YMCA FACILITY.  THE NEW WEST YMCA OPENED THIS MORNING AT FOUR THIRTY AM, AND WORKERS ARE EXCITED ABOUT THE SUPPORT THEY ARE RECEIVING FROM THE COMMUNITY.  THE NEW FACILITY OFFERS A STATE-OF-THE-ART FITNESS CENTER AND MORE SPACE FOR FITNESS CLASSES FOR ALL AGES.  THE NEW FACILITY OFFERS A VARIETY OF WELLNESS CLASSES, IN ADDITION TO OFFERING PERSONAL TRAINERS.  IT IS LOCATED ON AMAZONAS DRIVE, THE NEW BUILDING IS ONLY PHASE 1, AND WILL ONLY CONTINUE TO EXPAND.

ECONOMY	KOMU 8 NEWS AT 10PM	4/16	10:04	:47	THE ELLIS FISCHEL CANCER CENTER IN COLUMBIA IS NEARLY 70 YEARS OLD, SOON THE CENTER COULD SEE A NEW ADDITION. THE MISSOURI HOUSE BUDGET COMMITTEE APPROVED RE-APPROPRIATING 31 MILLION DOLLARS FROM LAST YEARS BUDGET TO BUILD A NEW CANCER CENTER. LAST YEAR THE MONEY WAS WITHHELD FROM APPROPRIATIONS BY GOVERNOR NIXON. THIS YEAR, THE PROPOSAL STILL HAS TO PASS THROUGH THE LEGISLATURE AND BE SIGNED BY THE GOVERNOR NIXON. THE CENTER'S STAFF IS HOPEFUL.
CONSUMER	KOMU 8 NEWS AT 6PM	4/17	6:03	35	WHEN IT'S TIME TO CLEAN UP COLUMBIA WHY NOT LEAVE IT TO THE EXPERTS? THE MAC EXPERTS SAY ONE MAN'S TRASH IS ANOTHER MAN'S TREASURE AND IN THIS CASE THE TRASH CAME IN THE FORM OF OLD COMPUTERS. MACEXPERTS IS PARTNERING WITH MID-MO RECYCLING TO TAKE YOUR OLD COMPUTER PARTS AND KEEP TRASH OUT OF THE LANDFILLS. WHEN YOU TURN IN AN OLD PART YOU GET A MONEY VOCHURE TOWARDS A NEW COMPUTER. LAST YEAR THE STORE FILLED UP A TRAILER FULL OF PARTS YET THIS YEAR WAS DIFFERENT. MACEXPERTS IS STILL TAKING DROPOFFS ALL NEXT WEEK.

CONSUMER	KOMU 8 NEWS	4/18	10:02	1:23	SINCE SHILOH BAR AND GRILL MOVED TO ITS NEW
ISSUES/GOVERNME	AT 10				LOCATION ON BROADWAY IN MARCH OF 2008, RICK
NT					ROTHER OF PHYSICAL THERAPY, A BUSINESS ACROSS
					THE STREET, HAS HAD A PROBLEM WITH THE AMOUNT
					OF NOISE COMING FROM THE BAR .
					ROTHER LIVES ON THE SECOND FLOOR OF HIS
					BUSINESS, AND THOUGH HE LIVES DOWNTOWN IN A
					DISTRICT OF LATE NIGHT ACTIVITY, THE LAW HAS BEEN
					ON HIS SIDE.
					THE NOISE ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF
					COLUMBIA EXTENDS TO ALL OF THE CITY WITHOUT
					PREJUDICE, INCLUDING DOWNTOWN, AND ONLY USES
					TERMS LIKE "ANNOYS" AND "DISTURBS" TO LIMIT NOISE.
					GARY KESPHOL SAYS DOWNTOWN RELIED ON
					VERBAL AGRREMENTS
					A WAR OF NOISE CITATIONS AND NOISE BARICADES
					HAS ENSUED, CULMINATING IN A VOTE MONDAY ON A
					NEW ORDINANCE.
					THE NEW ORDINANCE WOULD ALLOW MUSIC AND
					SHOUTING IN DOWNTOWN LOUD ENOUGH TO BE HEARD
					300 FEET AWAY ON WEEKENDS TILL 2 AM AND
					WEEKDAYS TILL 11 PM, TAKING CARE OF THE 100 FEET
					BETWEEN SHILOH AND THE ROTHERS.
					THE DECISION IS NOW CITY COUNCIL'S TO MAKE.
CRIME	KOMU 8 NEWS	4/19	10:03	1:05	THE TWO MEN ARRESTED FOR PUTTING COTTON BALLS
	AT 10PM				RIGHT OUTSIDE THE BLACK CULTURE CENTER HAVE
					BEEN CHARGED WITH LITTERING MISDEMEANORS.
					SENIOR ZACHARY TUCKER AND FRESHMAN SEAN
					FITZGERALD BOTH PLEADED NOT GUILTY IN THEIR
					COURT HEARING THIS AFTERNOON.
					LAST MONTH THE TWO TOLD POLICE THEY
					LITTERED THIS LAWN DURING THE EARLY HOURS OF
					FEBUARY 26TH.
					THAT NIGHT THEY ADMITTED THEY WERE
					INVOLVED IN A <b>STRING</b> OF PRANKS ON MIZZOU'S
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					CAMPUS.  M-U POLICE ORIGINALLY ARRESTED THE STUDENTS ON SUSPICION OF TAMPERING.  AND MANY SAW THE PRANK AS AN ALLEGED HATE CRIME TOWARD SLAVERY DAYS.  STUDENTS I TALKED TO THOUGHT THE CHARGES WERE TOO LIGHT.  A HATE CRIME IS A FELONY AND OBVIOUSLY CARRIES A MUCH MORE SEVERE PENALTY THAN LITTERING  BUT IS ALSO MUCH HARDER TO PROVE IN COURT.  BOTH MEN HAVE BEEN SUSPENDED FROM SCHOOL
CRIME/CONSUMER ISSUES	KOMU 8 NEWS AT 10PM	4/20	10:06	:57	EVERY SPRING SCAM ARTISTS FROM AROUND THE COUNTRY GO DOOR-TO-DOOR IN MID-MISSOURI POSING AS LEGITIMATE CONTRACTORS OFFERING CHEAP PRICES FOR DRIVEWAY OR OTHER HOME REPAIRS. WHEN THE SCAMMERS FINISH THE WORK, THEY OFTEN FIND OTHER PROBLEMS THAT SKY ROCKET THE PRICE. THE SCAM GROUPS USUALLY TARGET ELDERLY PEOPLE. SOME WAYS TO AVOID A SCAM ASK THE CONTRACTORS FOR REFERENCES FROM THE PEOPLE THEY'VE WORKED FOR IN THE PAST. WATCH OUT IF THEY'RE IN UNMARKED VANS OR TRUCKS. WHEN IN DOUBT, DEAL WITH LOCAL CONTRACTORS WHO ARE KNOWN IN THE AREA. IF YOU ARE QUESTIONING THE LEGITAMACY OF A CONTRACTOR, CALL YOUR LOCAL AUTHORITIES TO HELP DETERMINE WHETHER THE PERSON IS PART OF A FRAUDULENT COMPANY

EDUCATION	KOMU 8 NEWS AT 10	4/21	10:05	:20	NINTH GRADE ATHLETES AT FULTON HIGH SCHOOL ARE PLAYING FOR FREE NOW, THAT'LL CHANGE NEXT SEMESTER.  THIS GYM CLASS WILL STAY FREE AS PART OF THE CURRICULUM, BUT THE SCHOOL BOARD VOTED LAST WEEK TO CHARGE ALL STUDENT ATHLETES A 25-DOLLAR FEE FOR EVERY AFTER-SCHOOL SPORT.  THE FEE IS TO HELP FUND THE NINTH GRADE SPORTS PROGRAM THAT WAS PART OF THE ONE-POINT-TWO MILLION DOLLAR BUDGET CUT IN FEBRUARY.  MOST STUDENTS ARE WILLING TO PAY THE FEE,
HEALTH/GOVERNME NT	KOMU 8 NEWS AT 10PM	4/22	10:06	:40	MISSOURIANS MIGHT HAVE CHOICE ON WHETHER THEY PARTICIPATE IN A NATIONAL HEALTH CARE PROGRAM. THE HOUSE ALREADY PASSED THE "HEALTH CARE FREEDOM ACT" LAST WEEK BY A VOTE OF 109 TO 46. THE SENATE WILL LIKELY HEAR ITS VERSION LATER THIS WEEK.  THE PROPOSED BILL WOULD AMEND THE MISSOURI CONSTITUTION.  SUPPORTERS SAY THE MEASURE WOULD BRING POWER BACK TO THE STATES.  OPPONENTS ARGUE THE BILL ASSERTS SUPREMACY OVER FEDERAL LAW, WHICH IS UNCONSTITUTIONAL.

GOVERNMENT	KOMU 8 NEWS AT 10PM	4/23	10:05	:24	ONE MISSOURI OFFICIAL SPOKE OUT THIS AFTERNOON IN RESPONSE TO PRESIDENT OBAMA SIGNING THE HEALTH CARE BILL REPUBLICAN LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR PETER KINDER SPOKE ABOUT HIS INTENT TO JOIN OFFICIALS FROM THIRTEEN OTHER STATES IN LEGAL ACTION AGAINST THE LEGISLATION.  KINDER BELIEVES THE HEALTH CARE DIRECTIVE WILL POSE A HUGE FINANCIAL BURDEN FOR THE STATE OF MISSOURI.  KINDER DIDN'T STICK AROUND FOR QUESTIONS. HIS CHIEF OF STAFF ANSWERED THEM INSTEAD.
EDUCATION	KOMU 8 NEWS AT 10	4/24	10:06	:45	A SPOKESMAN FOR GOVERNOR NIXON SAID TODAY THE GOVERNOR MAY CUT THE ACCESS MISSOURI SCHOLARSHIP FOR ALL STUDENTS ATTENDING PRIVATE COLLEGES IN THE STATE.  THE PROGRAM IS CALLED ACCESS MISSOURI.  AND THE LEGISLATURE IS CONSIDERING SHIFTING THE AMOUNT STUDENTS GET TO MAKE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE THE SAME.  THAT WOULD REDUCE WHAT PRIVATE SCHOOL STUDENTS GET, AND RAISE PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS.  BUT NIXON'S PROPOSAL WOULD ELIMINATE PRIVATE SCHOOL STUDENTS FROM THE PLAN ALTOGETHER
CRIME	KOMU 8 NEWS AT 6PM	4/25	6:14	:25	COLUMBIA POLICE SAID TODAY THEY'VE CAPTURED FOUR PEOPLE RESPONSIBLE FOR A STRING OF BURGLARIES AND ROBBERIES AROUND THE CITY. POLICE ARRESTED 18 YEAR OLD DIEGO CAMARGO, 18 YEAR OLD KYLE GUNN AND 51 YEAR OLD JOHN GUNN ALL OF COLUMBIA, AND 23 YEAR OLD ZACHARY DAVIS OF BRUNSWICK YESTERDAY ON MULTIPLE COUNTS OF ROBBERY AND BURGLARY.  POLICE SAY THE GROUP IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ROBBERIES AT RANGELINE LIQUOR, HARDT'S FURNITURE STORE, AND THE DREAM SMOKE SHOP.

CONSUMER ISSUES	KOMU 8 NEWS AT 6	4/26	6:15	:35	TODAY WAS THE FINAL DAY FOR COLUMBIA SUPPORTERS OF GOOGLE FIBER TO SUBMIT ONLINE APPLICATIONS.  MAYOR DARWIN HINDMAN AND A GROUP OF AROUND 30 COMMUNITY SUPPORTERS CAME TO CITY HALL TO WATCH THE MAYOR SUBMIT COLUMBIA'S APPLICATION. GOOGLE FIBER FOR COLUMBIA HAS SIXTHOUSAND MEMBERS ON ITS FACEBOOK PAGE. THE WINNING COMMUNITY WILL RECIEVE 100 TIMES FASTER GOOGLE INTERNET. THE APPLICATION CONTAINS INFORMATION ABOUT EVERYTHING FROM COMMUNITY SUPPORT TO FACILITIES AND RESOURCES.
ECONOMY	KOMU 8 NEWS AT 10	4/27	10:11	:27	AFTER A DECADE OF DISMAL DECLINE, NUMBERS RELEASED YESTERDAY SHOW ATTENDANCE AT STATE PARKS AND HISTORIC SITES <i>ROSE</i> THIS PAST YEAR. ABOUT 16 MILLION PEOPLE VISITED MISSOURI'S PARKS IN 2009. THAT'S MORE THAN A SIX PERCENT BOOST FROM 2008. PARKS THAT SAW THE LARGEST ATTENDANCE INCREASE INCLUDE <b>CONFLUENCE POINT</b> WHERE THE MISSOURI AND MISSISSIPPI RIVERS MEET. GOVERNOR NIXON SAID THE ECONOMY COULD BE ONE REASON FOR THE INCREASE IN PARK

					ATTENDANCE.
CRIME	KOMU 8 NEWS AT 6PM	4/28	6:08	:54	LAWYERS FOR ALYSSA BUSTAMANTE SAY THEY MAY NOT BE READY FOR TRIAL UNTIL NEXT YEAR. BUSTAMANTE IS ACCUSED OF KILLING 9-YEAR- OLD ELIZABETH OLTEN BACK IN OCTOBER. BOTH THE DEFENSE AND PROSECUTION SAY THEY NEED SEVERAL MORE MONTHS TO GAIN ENOUGH EVIDENCE. THE JUDGE CONSIDERED THREE MOTIONS TODAYONE OF WHICH WAS APPROVED-THAT BUSTAMANTE BE ABLE TO WEAR HER OWN CLOTHES IN COURT. MOTIONS TO ALLOW BUSTAMANTE TO FINISH HIGH SCHOOL AND TO RECEIVE WITNESS RECORDS WITHOUT INVOLVING THE PROSECUTION WERE PUT ON HOLD. SOME OF OLTEN'S FRIENDS AND FAMILY ATTENDED TODAY'S HEARING AND HAD ONLY A FEW WORDS TO SAY. THE NEXT STATUS HEARING IS JULY 27.

ECONOMY	KOMU 8 NEWS AT 10	4/29	10:11	:27	LAWMAKERS HAVE FINALLY FINISHED SLICING THE STATE'S NEXT BUDGET DOWN TO 23-POINT-3 BILLION DOLLARS.  THAT'S GOOD NEWS FOR ELEMENTARY EDUCATION AND BAD NEWS FOR JUST ABOUT EVERYONE ELSE.  K THROUGH 12 SCHOOLS WILL GET THE SAME FUNDING AS THIS YEAR.  BUT LAWMAKERS CUT FUNDING FOR HIGHER EDUCATION BY FIVE PERCENT.  TODAY, THE SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE ALSO AXED 31 MILLION DOLLARS FOR ELLIS FISCHEL CANCER CENTER.  COLUMBIA SENATOR KURT SCHAFER WAS THE ONLY SENATOR TO OPPOSE THAT CUT.  THE NEW SPENDING PLAN TAKES EFFECT JULY 1.
DRUG ABUSE/CRIME	KOMU 8 NEWS AT 5PM	4/30	5:09	:47	JEFFERSON CITY POLICE ARE IN THE MIDDLE OF A DAY LONG DRUG BUST.  THEY'VE ARRESTED TEN PEOPLE SO FAR AND ARE EXECUTING WARRANTS ON 12 OTHERS.  UNDERCOVER OFFICERS BUILT UP EVIDENCE AGAINST SUSPECTED DRUG DEALERS FOR THE LAST EIGHTEEN MONTHS.  AT SIX A-M TEAMS FROM FIVE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES SURROUNDED PROPERTIES ACROSS THE CITY, INCLUDING A DORM ROOM OF A LINCOLN UNIVERSITY STUDENT.  POLICE SAY IT'S ONLY A MATTER OF TIME BEFORE THEY ARREST ALL THE SUSPECTS AND ARE PREPARING FOR MORE DRUG BUSTS IN THE SUMMER. POLICE AND DRUG REHABILITATION WORKERS HAVE SEEN AN INCREASE IN HEROINE DEALING AND ASSOCIATED THEFTS OVER THE LAST YEAR.

GOVERNMENT	KOMU 8 NEWS AT 6PM	5/1	6:05	:25	TOMORROW IS THE DEADLINE FOR PEOPLE HOPING TO GET INITIATIVES ON MISSOURI'S NOVEMBER BALLOT TO SUBMIT PETITIONS TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE'S OFFICE. BUT ONE GROUP IS ALREADY WORKING ON A BALLOT MEASURE FOR 20-12. THEIR GOAL IS TO OVERHAUL THE WAY BALLOT MEASURES ARE HANDLED IN THE 2012 ELECTION. THE GROUP SUMBITTED PAPERWORK TO START COLLECTING SIGNATURES EARLY. THE SECRETARY OF STATE'S OFFICE SAYS IT IS RESEARCHING WHETHER IT CAN ACCEPT THE REQUEST SO EARLY.
GOVERNMENT	KOMU 8 NEWS AT 10	5/2	10:02	1:35	THE COLUMBIA CITY COUNCIL WILL DECIDE IF THEY WILL ACCEPT TWO FREE LICENSE PLATE SCANNERS FROM THE BOONE COUNTY SHERRIF'S DEPARTMENT. THROUGH A GRANT, BOONE COUNTY SHERIFF RECIEVED FOUR SCANNERS TO BE USED IN BOONE COUNTY, AND THEY OFFERED TO GIVE TWO OF THEM TO THE COLUMBIA POLICE DEPARTMENT. BASED ON OTHER THINGS THAT TAKE PICTURES IN COLUMBIA MAKING HEADLINES, CITY COUNCIL ISN'T SURE WHAT TOMORROW'S OUTCOME WILL BE. THE VOTE WAS TABLED AT THE LAST COUNCIL MEETING  IT WAS THE NIGHT BEFORE THE VOTE CONCERNING DOWNTOWN SURVEILANCE CAMERAS. ANOTHER ISSUE IS THAT LICENSE PLATE NUMBERS ARE STORED FOR 30 DAYS, SO POLICE CAN KNOW A CAR'S WHERE ABOUTS IF ITS INVOLVED IN A CRIME. MCDAVID DOESN'T KNOW HOW THE NEW COUNCIL WILL VOTE. A NEW COUNCIL, AND A NEW CONTROVERSY.

JOBS/ECONOMY	KOMU 8 NEWS AT 10	5/3	10:05	:32	CENTRAL MISSOURI COMMUNITY ACTION CENTER SAYS FUNDING FROM THE STIMULUS PACKAGE HAS CREATED JOBS AND EXPANDED ITS SERVICES.  C-M-C-A HAS CREATED 80 NEW JOBS AND IMPROVED SERVICES LIKE HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION, WORK FORCE DEVELOPMENT, EARLY CHILDCARE AND WEATHERIZATION.  A NEW DENTAL INITIATIVE FUNDED BY STIMULUS DOLLARS IS HELPING MID MISSOURIANS WHO CAN'T AFFORD DENTAL CARE. SO FAR C-M-C-A HAS PROVIDED DENTAL CARE FOR MORE THAN 80 MID-MISSOURIANS AND HAS A LIST OF MORE THAN 225 OTHERS WHO STILL NEED HELP.
EDUCATION	KOMU 8 NEWS AT 6	5/4	6:07	:40	WHILE HIS PEERS ARE GEARING UP FOR GRADUATION, ONE COLUMBIA SENIOR IS GEARING UP FOR AN AWARD OF PRESIDENTIAL PROPORTIONS. THE U-S DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION NAMED ROCKBRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT ALAN HATFIELD A 2010 PRESIDENTIAL SCHOLAR. THE AWARD IS ONE OF THE MOST PRESTIGIOUS ACADEMIC HONORS FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS. SO PRESTIGIOUS IN FACT - ONLY ONE BOY AND ONE GIRL FROM EACH STATE GET THE AWARD EACH YEAR. IN ADDITION VOLUNTEER WORK AND LEADERSHIP, HATFIELD LOGGED PERFECT SCORES ON BOTH THE S-A-T AND THE A-C-T. HATFIELD AND HIS MOST INSPIRATIONAL TEACHER - MARILYN TOALSON - WILL TRAVEL TO WASHINGTON D-C IN LATE JUNE TO RECEIVE THE AWARD. HATFIELD IS THE SECOND PRESIDENTIAL SCHOLAR TO COME OUT OF ROCKBRIDGE IN THE PAST THREE YEARS.

ALCOHOL ABUSE	KOMU 8 NEWS AT 10	5/5	10:04	1:05	JUST MINUTES AGO AT TEN P-M, THE COLUMBIA POLICE DEPARTMENT KICKED OFF ITS YOU DRINK, YOU DRIVE, YOU LOSE CAMPAIGN.  THAT MEANS STARTING TONIGHT AND LASTING THROUGH SUNDAY, MAY NINTH, YOU COULD SEE A SOBRIETY CHECKPOINT POP UP WITHIN COLUMBIA CITY LIMITS ANYTIME BETWEEN 10 P-M AND 3 A-M.  LET'S THROW UP ON THE SCREEN A REMINDER ON A FEW OF THE CONSEQUENCES OF DRINKING AND DRIVING.  A FIRST CONVICTION MEANS YOUR LICENSE IS SUSPENDED FOR 30 DAYS.  A SECOND CONVICTION MEANS YOU LOSE YOUR LICENSE FOR A YEAR, AND YOU GET A 1,000 DOLLAR FINE AND UP TO ONE YEAR IN JAIL.  IF YOU GET THREE OR MORE CONVICTIONS, YOU COULD LOSE YOUR LICENSE FOR TEN YEARS, FACE A 5,000 DOLLAR FINE AND/OR GET SEVEN YEARS IN PRISON.  THIS IS A STATEWIDE CAMPAIGN COLUMBIA CAN DO BECAUSE OF A GRANT FROM MODOT.  ONCE AGAIN, THE CHECKPOINT COULD GO ANYTIME WITHIN THE NEXT FIVE DAYS BETWEEN 10 P-M AND 3 A-M.
CRIME	KOMU 8 NEWS AT 10PM	5/6	10:16	:26	THE MID-MISSOURI WOMAN NICKNAMED THE "MADOFF OF THE MIDWEST" REACHED A DEAL TODAY WITH PROSECUTORS ON STATE CHARGES.  ATTORNEY GENERAL CHRIS KOSTER'S OFFICE CONFIRMED THE PLEA AGREEMENT FOR KATHY GIESEKER.  GIESEKER NOW FACES A COURT HEARING ON JUNE 16 IN WARRENTON, WHERE THE JUDGE WILL DECIDE WHETHER TO ACCEPT THE PLEA.  SHE'S ALREADY SERVING NINE YEARS AFTER

					PLEADING GUILTY TO <b>FEDERAL</b> MAIL FRAUD CHARGES LAST NOVEMBER.
CRIME/ALCOHOL ABUSE	KOMU 8 NEWS AT 5PM	5/7	5:02	1:23	THE NEW POLICE CHIEF FOR ONE MID-MISSOURI COMMUNITY LANDED IN JAIL LAST NIGHT ON A DRUNK DRIVING CHARGE NEW FRANKLIN STILL PLANS TO SWEAR IN DWAYNE WHEELER AS ITS NEW CHIEF OF POLICE MONDAY.  BOONVILLE POLICE ARRESTED WHEELER JUST AFTER ELEVEN LAST NIGHT ON HIGHWAY FIVE. POLICE SAY AN OFFICER PULLED WHEELER OVER AFTER SEEING HIS CAR WEAVING ACROSS THE CENTER LINE. POLICE SAY WHEELER FAILED A FIELD SOBRIETY TEST AND REFUSED A BREATHALYZER. NEW FRANKLIN CITY ADMINISTRATOR PAT CUNNINGHAM REFUSED TO TALK ABOUT ARREST TODAY. BUT SHE DID SAY PLANS ARE STILL SET TO SWEAR IN WHEELER AS CHIEF OF POLICE MONDAY NIGHT.  NEW FRANKLIN'S THREE-MEMBER POLICE BOARD CONDUCTED INTERVIEWS FOR THE CHIEF'S JOB BEFORE GIVING ITS RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN. WHEELER WAS FORMERLY A POLICE OFFICER IN A CHICAGO SUBURB AND HAS BEEN IN LAW

					ENFORCEMENT FOR ELEVEN YEARS.  HE WILL BE REPLACING FORMER NEW FRANKLIN POLICE CHIEF JASON WELLS, WHO RESIGNED AFTER A SUSPENSION IN MARCH.
ALCOHOL ABUSE/CRIME	KOMU 8 NEWS AT 6	5/8	6:02	:23	THE M-U POLICE CONDUCTED A YOUTH ALCOHOL SATURATION PATROL LAST NIGHT. POLICE ARRESTED A TOTAL OF 29 PEOPLE BETWEEN NINE P.M. AND THREE A-M. THAT INCLUDED 11 PEOPLE FOR MINOR IN POSSESSION OF ALCOHOL SIX FOR HAVING AN OPEN CONTAINER OF ALCOHOL THREE FOR POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA AND POLICE ALSO ISSUED ONE D-U-I. THE MO-DOT HIGHWAY SAFETY DIVISION FUNDED THE PATROL.
GOVERNMENT	KOMU 8 NEWS AT 10	5/9	10:03	1:00	THE BEGININING OF THE END OF THE MISSOURI LEGISLATIVE SESSION. AS OF MONDAY, LAWMAKERS HAVE PASSED NONE OF THE BILLS THE GOVERNOR LABELED AS "MUST HAVE'S." SINCE THE BEGINNING OF THE SESSION, LAW MAKERS TOUTED BILLS FOR AUTISM INSURANCE, TOUGHER DRUNK DRIVING LAWS, TAX CREDIT REFORM, JOB CREATION. SO FAR NIXON HAS RECIEVED 31 NON-BUDGET- RELATED BILLS DEALING WITH LESS CONTROVERSIAL ISSUES. SOME LAWMAKERS SAY THEY STILL THINK THEY

					CAN GET SOMETHING DONE IN A WEEK. REPRESENTATIVE STILL DOES SAY THE AUTISM INSURANCE BILL PASSED THE SENATE AND THINKS THE HOUSE WILL SOON PASS IT TOO. NO REPUBLICAN LAWMAKERS WE CONTACTED COULD COMMENT. NOW LAST YEAR THE LEGISLATURE PASSED 80 BILLS IN THE FINAL WEEK
EDUCATION	KOMU 8 NEWS AT 10	5/10	10:07	1:05	FOR ONE THING THE SCHOOL BOARD DECIDED NOT TO DISCUSS GUIDELINES FOR THE USE OF SOCIAL MEDIA.  THAT'S BECAUSE SUPERINTENDENT CHRIS BELCHER WANTED TO WAIT ON A BILL IN THE MISSOURI HOUSE THAT COULD MAKE THE DECISION FOR THE DISTRICT.  IF THE MEASURE PASSES BEFORE THE END OF THIS YEAR'S LEGISLATIVE SESSION ON FRIDAY, THEN EVERY SCHOOL DISTRICT IN THE STATE WOULD HAVE TO MAKE PROVISIONS ABOUT HOW THEIR STUDENTS, STAFF AND TEACHERS USE SOCIAL MEDA.  ONE ISSUE THAT DID GET A LOT OF ATTENTION FROM THE BOARD TONIGHT WAS THE POSSIBILITY OF CHANGING THE SALARY SCHEDULES FOR THE PARENTS AS TEACHERS PROGRAM.  THE BOARD VOTED DOWN ANY CHANGES.

CONSUMER ISSUE	KOMU 8 NEWS AT 10	5/11	10:04	:30	THE MISSOURI D-N-R HOPES A WEBSITE LAUNCHED TODAY WILL HELP CLEAN UP ITS MURKY IMAGE.  IT PROVIDES INFORMATION ON E-COLI LEVELS AND WHETHER PUBLIC BEACHES ARE OPEN OR CLOSED.  YOU MIGHT REMEMBER LAST YEAR'S E-COLI CONTROVERSY AT THE LAKE OF THE OZARKS.  MISSOURI'S D-N-R NOT ONLY FAILED TO CLOSE SOME BEACHES WITH HIGH E-COLI LEVELS BUT ALSO FAILED THE TELL THE PUBLIC IN A TIMELY MANNER. THE D-N-R SAYS IT WILL UPDATE THE WEBSITE WHEN IT RECEIVES TEST RESULTS OR BY ONE P-M EVERY FRIDAY.
JOBS	KOMU 8 NEWS AT 10	5/12	10:09	:25	TODAY, NIXON URGED LAWMAKERS TO PASS THE JOBS CREATION BILL.  AFTER SIGNING A BILL RELATED TO SALES TAX ON RESALE ITEMS, NIXON EMPHASIZED WHAT HE SEES AS THE NEED TO PASS A LAW THAT GIVES JOBS TO MISSOURIANS.  WITH THE LEGISLATIVE SESSION WRAPPING UP ON FRIDAY, VARIOUS VERSIONS OF THE JOBS BILL ARE STALLED IN BOTH THE HOUSE AND THE SENATE.
CRIME/GOVERNMEN T	KOMU 8 NEWS AT 10	5/13	10:03	1:15	WE'LL START WITH THE HOUSE JIM.  EARLIER THIS EVENING REPRESENTIVES APPROVED A MEASURE THAT WOULD REQUIRE JUDGES TO CONSIDER PRIOR DRINKING AND DRIVING INCIDENTS WHEN SENTENCING DWI OFFENDERS.  IT ALREADY PASSED THE SENATE NOW IT GOES TO THE GOVERNOR.  BUT THAT WAS JUST THE START OF THE WORK HERE TONIGHT.  ON THE SENATE SIDE, LAWMAKERS ARE GRAPPLING WITH THE ETHICS REFORM BILL. WHICH WOULD LIMIT THE AMOUNT OF MONEY

					LAWMAKERS COULD TAKE WITHOUT REPORTING IT BACK TO THE CAPITOL.  THE SENATE VERSION OF THE MEASURE WOULD ALLOW THE ETHICS COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE VIOLATIONS WITHOUT GETTING FORMAL COMPLAINTS.  IF SENATORS DO PASS IT TONIGHT, IT LANDS IN THE HOUSE TOMORROW FOR APPROVAL.  MEMBERS OF BOTH CHAMBERS TOLD ME THEY BELIEVE THEY WILL GET AN ETHICS REFORM BILL PASSED BEFORE THE SESSION ENDS ON FRIDAY. THE HOUSE AND SENATE ALSO PASSED A MEASURE THIS EVENING THAT WOULD BAN ANYONE 18 OR UNDER FROM ENTERING STRIP CLUBS OR ADULT VIDEO STORES.  THAT MEASURE ALSO BANS THOSE BUSINESSES FROM BEING NEAR HOUSES AND PARKS.  AGAIN TOMORROW IS THE LAST DAY OF LEGISLATIVE SESSION.  REPORTING LIVE FROM THE STATE CAPITOL, JOHN HENRY KOMU 8 NEWS.
CRIME	KOMU NEWS AT 6	5/14	6:03	:50	A COLUMBIA MAN SHOT 3 TIMES NOW IN CRITICAL CONDITION. AND MULTIPLE SUSPECTS ON THE LOOSE. IT HAPPENED AT THE FIRESIDE APARTMENTS JUST OFF GREEN MEADOWS IN SOUTH COLUMBIA AROUND 2. RIGHT NOW POLICE ARE LOOKING FOR 4 SUSPECTS BUT BELIEVE THERE COULD BE AS MANY AS 6. AROUND 2 THIS AFTERNOON SEVERAL MEN ENTERED A MAN'S HOME HERE AT FIRESIDE APARTMENTS AND SHOT HIM 3 TIMES TWICE IN THE CHEST AND ONCE IN THE LEG. POLICE THINK AFTER THE SHOOTING TWO OTHERS WENT IN AND STOLE THINGS FROM THE HOUSE.

					POLICE AREN'T SURE THE ROBBERY AND SHOOTING SUSPECTS WERE WORKING TOGETHER. PARAMEDICS TOOK THE VICTIM TO UNIVERSITY HOSPITALHE'S IN CRITICAL CONDITION. AT THIS POINT, POLICE AREN'T SURE WHY THE SHOOTERS TARGETED THIS GUY.
CRIME	AT 6	5/15	6:04	:40	THE 19-YEAR-OLD VICTIM OF A SHOOTING IN COLUMBIA YESTERDAY IS BACK IN CRITICAL CRITICAL CONDITION TONIGHT.  GOOD EVENING, I'M TOM MACLEAN. AND I'M CHRISTY MILLWEARD. THANKS FOR JOINING US. POLICE SAY SUSPECTS STOLE A SAFE FROM THE FIRESIDE APARTMENTS WHERE THE TEENAGER WAS SHOT 3 TIMES. THAT SAFE CONTAINED CASH AND A LARGE AMOUNT OF MARIJUANA WHICH LEADS OFFICIALS TO BELIEVE THIS WAS NOT A RANDOM ACT.  AFTER SPEAKING WITH WITNESSES YESTERDAY, POLICE ARE STILL SEARCHING FOR SUSPECTS AS WELL AS A SILVER DODGE MAGNUM. KOMU WILL KEEP YOU UPDATED THROUGHOUT THE DAY WITH THE LATEST DETAILS FROM THE POLICE MANHUNT.

JOBS	KOMU 8 NEWS AT 10	5/16	10:13	:16	THERE'S BIG BUSINESS NEWS COMING TOMORROW. REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INCORPORATED WILL ANNOUNCE FIGURES FOR THE - QUOTE -SINGLE MOST SIGNIFICANT IMPACT IN PRIVATE SECTOR JOBS IN THE HISTORY OF COLUMBIA.' THE ANNOUNCEMENT IS SCHEDULED FOR 1 P-M AT THE NEW CITY HALL BUILDING DOWNTOWN.
JOBS/ECONOMY	KOMU 8 NEWS AT 10	5/17	10:05	1:20	EARLIER TODAY CAME THE ANNOUNCEMENT THAT I-B-M WILL OPEN A STRATEGY CENTER ON LEMONE INDUSTRIAL BOULEVARD IN COLUMBIA. GOVERNOR JAY NIXON ANNOUNCED THE PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP WITH I-B-M AT A CEREMONY DOWNTOWN COLUMBIA TODAY. HE SAID THE FACILITY WILL BRING UP TO EIGHT HUNDRED JOBS TO THE AREA THE AVERAGE ANNUAL SALARY: FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS. AFTER FOUR MONTHS OF NEGOTIATING, COLUMBIA WILL JOIN THE EIGHTY OTHER CITIES WITH I- B-M STRATEGY CENTERS. IF GEORGE GODAS HAS SOMETHING ON HIS MIND, HE'S NOT AFRAID TO SHARE. WITH A POSSIBILITY OF 800 JOBS, THAT WILL HELP. IN MORE WAYS THAN ONE. "It'll be interesting to see how it plays out." THE NEW PROJECT WILL BRING NEW TAX REVENUE. MORE THAN 4 MILLION DOLLARS FOR THE COLUMBIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS. CLYDE THEROFF'S LIVED IN COLUMBIA SINCE 1970. HE LOVES THE IDEA.

					AS FOR GODAS, HE SAYS IF IT MOVES THE COMMUNITY FORWARD, HE'S OK WITH IT. SO WITH 800 MORE JOBS, THAT'S THE PROGRESS GODAS LIKES.
ECONOMY	KOMU 8 NEWS AT 10	5/18	10:09	1:10	LAST WEEK LAWMAKERS SAID THE BUDGET WAS BALANCED.  AT THAT TIME, SOME OF THOSE LAWMAKERS ACKNOWLEDGED THERE MIGHT BE MORE CUTS AHEAD. TODAY, THE GOVERNOR ANNOUNCED HE'LL SLASH 350 MILLION MORE DOLLARS. SENATE APPROPRIATIONS CHAIRMAN, ROB MAYER, SAID GOVERNOR NIXON GAVE LAWMAKERS A LIST OF WHERE THAT 350-MILLION WILL COME FROM. THE GOVERNOR WILL KEEP THAT LIST UNDER WRAPS UNTIL HE SIGNS THE BUDGET BILLS IN JUNE. NIXON'S BUDGET DIRECTOR SAID THE GOVERNOR MADE HIS DECISION BASED ON THREE MAIN REASONS: FIRST, LAWMAKERS DID NOT PASS SEVERAL BILLS THAT WERE EXPECTED TO SAVE MONEY FOR TAXPAYERS.  SECOND, LAWMAKERS ASSUMED OTHER SAVINGS THAT WILL NOT HAPPEN AND THE STATE'S MONTHLY REVENUE COLLECTIONS CONTINUE TO FALL BELOW PROJECTIONS.

ALCOHOL ABUSE	KOMU 8 NEWS AT 10	5/19	10:10	:26	AN EARLY MORNING CRASH SENT A CAR INTO A BOONE COUNTY HOUSE  DEPUTIES FOUND THIS SCENE HOUSE ON BETHEL CHURCH ROAD:  A VOLKSWAGEN BEETLE CRASHED RIGHT INTO IT.  INVESTIGATORS SAY THE CAR WENT THROUGH A STOP SIGN, OVER A DITCH AND HIT A CAR IN THE DRIVEWAY BEFORE IMPACT.  DEPUTIES ARRESTED 21-YEAR OLD MONICA
					WITHERSPOON OF COLUMBIA. SHE'S FACING D-W-I CHARGES AS WELL AS RESISTING LAWFUL DETENTION AND CARELESS AND IMPRUDENT DRIVING. NO ONE IN THE HOME WAS HURT.
EDUCATION	KOMU 8 NEWS AT 10	5/20	10:05	:44	THE COLUMBIA SCHOOL BOARD SAYS MORE MONEY IS COMING FROM THE STATE THAN EXPECTED.  KOMU SPOKE WITH THE BOARD'S CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER LINDA QUINLEY, WHO ISN'T SURE HOW MUCH MORE.  COLUMBIA SCHOOLS BUDGET  SHE SAYS UNDER THE CURRENT STATE BUDGET  THE DISTRICT WOULD EXPERIENCE AN EXCESS THIS YEAR.  THE DISTRICT IS ALSO PLANNING FOR AN EXCESS IN 20-10 AND 20-11.  QUINLEY SAID THE MONEY WOULD SERVE AS A SAFEGUARD IN CASE THE STATE MAKES MORE CUTS.

JOBS	KOMU 8 NEWS AT 10	5/21	10:07	:39	AS IBM BRINGS HUNDREDS OF JOBS, LITTLE DIXIE CONSTRUCTION IS BRINGING OUT ITS TOOLS. RE-MODELING A VACANT BUILDING ON LEMONE INDUSTRIAL BOULEVARD CONTINUED TODAY TO MAKE WAY FOR IBM. THE BUILDING IS EXPECTED TO BE GUTTED BY NEXT WEEK. THE PROJECT HAS A BUDGET OF UP TO TEN MILLION DOLLARS TO RENOVATE THE 25- YEAR OLD WAREHOUSE. THE CONSTRUCTION COMPANY HAS BEEN
					COMMUNICATING WITH IBM SINCE JANUARY. STARTING NEXT WEEK, THEY'LL STRIP OFF THE ROOF PANELS AND TEAR DOWN THE WALLS. LOCAL ARCHITECTS AND ENGINEERING STAFF WILL MEET WITH IBM CONSULTANTS TO FINALIZE THE FLOOR PLANS. THEY HOPE TO FINISH CONSTRUCTION BY THE END OF OCTOBER.
HEALTH	KOMU 8 NEWS AT 10	5/22	10:08	:52	SUMMER TIME IS HERE AND WHEN THE NICE WEATHER MEANS MORE BIKES OUT ON THE ROAD. SO TODAY KIDS IN KINDERGARTEN THROUGH FIFTH GRADE HAD THE CHANCE TO LEARN ABOUT BIKE SAFETY. THE KIDS BICYCLE SAFETY CHALLENGE PROVIDED FREE SAFETY INSPECTIONS AND SAFETY CHALLENGE GAMES. SOME OF THE STATIONS INCLUDED HELMET FITTINGS HAND SIGNAL SAFETY STOP CONTROL AND CYCLING IN A FIGURE EIGHT. THE EVENT IS SPONSORED BY THE OPTIMIST GROUPAND COLUMBIA FIREFIGHTERS, POLICE, AND LOCAL BIKE MECHANICS HELPED WITH THE SAFETY INSPECTIONS.

EDUCATION	KOMU 8 NEWS AT 10	5/23	10:02	:45	TIGHT BUDGETS ACROSS THE COUNTRY COULD LEAD SOME DISTRICTS TO CUT SUMMER SCHOOL THE "AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS" RELEASED A SURVEY THAT'S RAISING SOME CONCERN.  THE SURVEY FOUND THAT 34 PERCENT OF RESPONDENTS ARE CONSIDERING SCRAPPING SUMMER SCHOOL FOR THE 2010 TO 2011 SCHOOL YEAR. THERE'S CONCERN BECAUSE SOME STUDIES SHOW SUMMER BREAK CAN WIDEN THE ACHIEVEMENT GAP BETWEEN POOR AND RICHER STUDENTS.  CUTS HAVE BEEN PROMINENT IN MISSOURI.  ONE THIRD OF THE STATE'S KINDERGARTEN TO 12TH GRADERS ATTENDED SUMMER SCHOOL LAST YEAR.  LEGISLATORS DECIDED LATE TO KEEP SUMMER SCHOOL FUNDING, AFTER MANY SCHOOLS HAD ALREADY MADE CUTS.

JOBS/ECONOMY	KOMU 8 NEWS AT 10	5/24	10:05	:36	THE 800 IBM JOBS WILL MAKE AN IMPACT ON COLUMBIA'S ECONOMY, AND MAYBE ON THE ENTIRE STATE'S WORKFORCE.  IN MISSOURI, THE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE HAS REMAINED STEADY OVER THE PAST YEAR.  IN MARCH, THE RATE WAS NINE POINT FIVE PERCENT,  AND DROPPED ONLY ONE TENTH OF A PERCENTAGE POINT TO NINE POINT FOUR IN APRIL.  AT THIS TIME ONE YEAR AGO, THE RATE WAS NINE POINT ONE PERCENT.  SO THESE NEW IBM JOBS WILL NOT ONLY BRING IN NEW TECH JOBS, BUT IN OTHER SECTORS AS WELL
HEALTH	KOMU 8 NEWS AT 10	5/26	10: 15	:38	MANY OF US USE OUR PHONES TO GET BREAKING NEWS, SPORTS, AND WEATHER UPDATES. NOW NEW MOMS CAN TURN TO THEIR CELLS FOR PARENTING ADVICE. THE MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SENIOR SERVICES AND THE COLUMBIA "MY LIFE CLINIC" ARE WORKING TO SPREAD THE WORD ABOUT THE TEXT FOR BABY PROGRAM, ESPECIALLY FOR EXPECTING WOMEN AND NEW MOTHERS. MORE THAN 13 HUNDRED MISSOURI WOMEN GET TEXT FOR BABY UPDATES ALREADY. ALL IT TAKES TO REGISTER FOR THE MESSAGES IS SENDING THE WORD "BABY" TO 5-1-1-4-1-1.

CONSUMER ISSUES	KOMU 8 NEWS AT 10	5/27	10:16	1:02	THANKS TO MORE THAN <b>5 AND A HALF MILLION</b> DOLLARS IN FEDERAL FUNDS, MISSOURI'S D-N-R IS ABLE TO GIVE CONSUMERS AN INCENTIVE TO BUY ENERGY- EFFICIENT APPLIANCES.  IT'S PART OF THE ENERGIZE MISSOURI  APPLIANCE REBATE PROGRAM WHICH STARTED APRIL 19TH TO ENCOURAGE CONSUMERS TO GET RID OF OLD APPLIANCES AND UPGRADE TO NEW ONES.  TODAY, THE STATE ANNOUNCED IT'S TACKING ON UP TO \$50 MORE IN REBATE REWARDS THAN ORIGINALLY PLANNED.  ANY APPLIANCE WITH <b>THIS</b> ENERGY STAR STAMP QUALIFIES.  THIS INCLUDES EVERYTHING FROM WASHERS AND DRYERS TO REFRIGERATORS.  TO BE ELIGABLE, ENERGY STAR APPLIANCES HAVE TO BE PURCHASED AFTER APRIL 19.  SEVERAL STORES IN THE AREA CARRY ENERGY STAR APPLIANCES.  TODAY I WENT TO BEST BUY AND TALKED TO A SALESMAN WHO TOLD ME WHILE THESE APPLIANCES CAN COST MORE UP FRONT, THEY CAN HELP SAVE YOU MONEY IN THE LONGRUN.
CONSUMER ISSUES	KOMU 8 NEWS AT 10	5/28	10:07	:21	AT LEAST YOU'LL GET A BREAK AT THE PUMP DURING YOUR HOLIDAY TRAVELS  A GALLON OF REGULAR UNLEADED IN MISSOURI AVERAGED 2 DOLLARS AND 52 CENTS TODAYTHAT'S MORE THAN 20 CENTS LOWER THAN THE NATIONAL AVERAGE.  GAS BUDDY DOT COM SHOWED PRICES AS LOW AS 2-DOLLARS AND 39-CENTS IN COLUMBIA. TO FIND OUT WHERE YOU CAN GET CHEAP GAS PRICES IN YOUR AREA, GO TO OUR WEBSITE AT K-O-M-U DOT COM.

GOVERNMENT	KOMU 8 NEWS	5/29	6:05	1:44	JEFFERSON CITY VOTERS SIGNED A PETITION TODAY IN
	AT 6				HOPES OF CHANGING THE TRASH ORDINANCE PASSED
					LAST NOVEMBER.
					THIS ISSUE HAS BEEN A HOT TOPIC SINCE CITY
					COUNCIL PASSED IT IN NOVEMBER.
					IT'S NOT THE TRASH SOME JEFFERSON CITY RESIDENTS
					ARE MAD ABOUT IT'S WHO'S PICKING IT UP.
					THE CITY COUNCIL PASSED THE MANDATORY
					TRASH SERVICE ORDINANCE BACK IN NOVEMBER.
					WHICH IS WHY THE CITIZENS BOARD IS
					PETITIONING THE CITY COUNCIL.
					THE CITIZENS BOARD NEEDS 825 SIGNATURES TO GET THE CITY COUNCIL TO VOTE TO HAVE THE
					CHANGES ON THE NEXT BALLOT.
					ARTHUR BROWN OF THE CITIZENS ACTION
					COMMITTEE THINKS ITS UNFAIR THAT PEOPLE DO NOT
					HAVE A CHOICE.
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					THE CITY COUNCIL PASSED THE BILL IN
					NOVEMBER BECAUSE OF ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES.
					BUT, HE THINKS THAT JEFFERSON CITY'S DEAL IS
					THE BEST THE CITY WILL FIND.
					SCRIVNER STANDS BEHIND THE ORDINANCE
CRIME	KOMU 8 NEWS	5/30	10:06	:25	A KANSAS CITY MAN IS SPENDING HIS WEEKEND
CKINL	AT 10	3/30	10.00	.23	RAISING AWARENESS ABOUT THE CITY'S HOMICIDE
	711 10				EPIDEMIC.
					ERNEST JONES SAYS DURING THE PAST DECADE
					MORE THAN 1-THOUSAND PEOPLE HAVE DIED DUE TO
					VIOLENCE.
					JONES PLANTED ABOUT 100 CROSSES IN THE
					MEDIAN ALONG HIGHWAY-71, ALONG WITH SIGNS
					SHOWING YEARLY HOMICIDE TOTALS.
					HIS YEAR OLD EFFORT IS CALLED "PROJECT
					64130."
					THAT'S THE ZIP CODE OF THE MOST MURDERS IN

					MISSOURI.
ALCOHOL ABUSE	KOMU 8 NEWS AT 10	5/31	10:07	1:07	THERE WERE NO COMPLAINTS ABOUT MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND FOR THE VISITORS OF LAKE OZARK A SUCCESS THANKS TO THE MISSOURI STATE WATER PATROL.  WATER PATROL OFFICIALS WORKED EXTENDED HOURS TO ENSURE THE HOLIDAY WEEKEND WENT SMOOTHLY.  IN THE PAST TWO YEARS THE NUMBER OF FATALITIES AT THE LAKE HAVE GONE DOWN 60 PERCENT.  AND BOATERS ARE NOTICING THE IMPROVEMENTS.  OFFICIALS TOLD ME THEY MADE A NUMBER OF BOATING WHILE INTOXICATED ARRESTS THIS WEEKEND  BUT STILL THE WATER PATROL SAYS THE NUMBERS ARE DOWN IN COMPARISON TO PREVIOUS YEARS.

GOVERNMENT/ALC	KOMU 8 NEWS	6/1	10:06	1:28	THE REFORM BILL ITSELF IS PRETTY LENGTHY, BUT
OHOL ABUSE	AT 10				THERE IS ONE STAND-OUT CHANGE PEOPLE SHOULD
					KNOW ABOUTINCREASED JAIL TIME
					AND THAT'S WHY I'M HERE IN FRONT OF THE
					BOONE COUNTY JAIL.
					UNDER THE NEW BILL DRIVERS GETTING PULLED
					OVER FOR DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED, EVEN FOR
					THEIR FIRST OFFENSE, WILL NOW FACE JAIL TIME.
					HERE'S WHAT GOVERNOR NIXON SIGNS INTO
					LAW TOMORROW.
					FIRST TIME OFFENDERS WHO BLOW A BLOOD ALCOHOL
					LEVEL POINT 1-5 OR HIGHER WILL GET TWO DAYS IN
					JAIL.
					IF THEIR B-A-C
					POINT 2-0 OR HIGHER OFFENDERS ARE LOOKING AT 5
					DAYS BEHIND BARS.
					THE BILL ALSO INCREASES JAIL TIME FOR PRIOR
					OFFENDERS FROM 5 DAYS TO 10 DAYS.
					PERSISTENT OFFENDERS PEOPLE GETTING A
					THIRD D-W-I CHARGE WILL GO TO JAIL FOR 30 DAYS
					INSTEAD OF 10.
					TODAY I TALKED WITH A D-W-I DEFENSE
					ATTORNEY WHO SAID THE CHANGE FOR FIRST TIME
					OFFENDERS IN PARTICULAR COULD CAUSE
					OVERCROWDING IN JAILS.
					WILSON ALSO TOLD ME MANY OF HIS CLIENTS ARE HIGH
					SCHOOL OR COLLEGE STUDENTS, WHICH IS WHY HE
					SAYS OVERCROWDING ON WEEKENDS COULD BECOME
					AN ISSUE.
					GOVERNOR NIXON WILL BE IN ST. LOUIS AT 1:30
					TOMORROW AND IN JEFFERSON CITY AT 3:30 TO SIGN
					THIS REFORM BILL.
					CHANGES GO INTO EFFECT AUGUST 28TH.

GOVERNMENT	KOMU 8 NEWS AT 10	6/2	10:14	:27	COLUMBIA CITY MANAGER BILL WATKINS DELIVERED THE STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS TODAY. HE DESCRIBED CITY GOVERNMENT AS "STABLE." STILL WATKINS SAID THE CITY COUNCIL HAS WORK TO DO IN A FEW AREAS, INCLUDING  ADDING BUS SERVICES FOR I-B-M EMPLOYEES AND EXPANDING THE ORANGE LINE. UPDATING SEWER RATES. AND MAKING CHANGES TO THE STORMWATER UTILITY. FAILURE TO MAKE THE CHANGES COULD MEAN GOVERNMENT FINES. WATKINS STRESSED FEES FOR CITY SERVICES WOULD PROBABLY NOT INCREASE.
JOBS	KOMU 8 NEWS AT 10	6/3	10:07	:43	THE PROPOSED BUS ROUTE WOULD COME IN HANDY FOR A LAUNDRY SERVICE CALLED LINEN KING WHICH IS OPENING A WAREHOUSE NEAR LEMONE BOULEVARD.  THE COMPANY WILL HIRE UP TO 30 WORKERS IN THE FIRST FEW MONTHS, AND COULD ADD 100-PLUS WORKERS.  WORD ABOUT LINEN KING COMES ON THE HEELS OF THE I-B-M ANNOUNCEMENT A WEEK AND A HALF AGO.  THE COMPANY WILL BEGIN ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS IN EARLY JULY AND HOPES TO OPEN ITS WAREHOUSE SOMETIME IN AUGUST.

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